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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

ASHLEY GJOVIK,

Plaintiff,

v.

APPLE INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 23-cv-4597-EMC

**DEFENDANT APPLE INC.'S REPLY IN  
SUPPORT OF ITS REQUEST FOR  
JUDICIAL NOTICE IN SUPPORT OF  
ITS MOTION TO DISMISS PORTIONS  
OF THE FIFTH AMENDED  
COMPLAINT AND RESPONSE TO  
PLAINTIFF'S UNTIMELY REQUESTS  
FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN SUPPORT  
OF HER OPPOSITION**

Dept: Courtroom 5, 17th Floor  
Judge: Honorable Edward M. Chen  
Date: February 21, 2025  
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On January 7, 2025, Apple accompanied its Motion to Dismiss Portions of the Fifth Amended Complaint with a Request for Judicial Notice (Dkt. 146; “Apple’s 5AC MTD RJN”). Plaintiff filed an opposition to the Motion to Dismiss on January 22, 2025, one day late and eleven pages over the limit; she did not file any opposition to Apple’s 5AC MTD RJN at that time. Apple replied in support of the Motion to Dismiss on January 28, 2025, at which point the Motion to Dismiss was fully briefed.

On January 31, 2025—ten days past the deadline to do so—Plaintiff filed:

- (1) A request for judicial notice in support of the portions of her Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss concerning her Labor Code section 232 claim, totaling 27 pages (Dkt. 154);
- (2) A separate request for judicial notice in support of the portions of her Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss concerning her claims for penalties under Labor Code sections 1102.5 and 98.6/98.7, totaling 44 pages (Dkt. 154-1); and
- (3) A document entitled “Plaintiff’s Request for Judicial Notice & Opposition to Defendants’ [*sic*] Request for Judicial Notice” concerning her nuisance and IED claims, totaling 13 pages (Dkt. 154-2) (collectively, the 84-page “January 31 RJN Submission”).

These filings represent yet another attempt by Plaintiff to flout page limits and endlessly attempt to expand the scope of this case, and do nothing to change the fact that Apple’s 5AC MTD RJN should be granted.

As an initial matter, the Court should not reward Plaintiff’s end-run around the rules and should thus decline to consider the untimely January 31 RJN Submission. Plaintiff filed the January 31 RJN Submission ten days after it would have been due (*see* Civ. L.R. 7-3(a)) and three days after briefing closed on the Motion to Dismiss, violating the applicable rules. *See* Civ. L.R. 7-3(d) (“Once a reply is filed, no additional memoranda, papers or letters may be filed without prior Court approval...”). This delay is prejudicial to Apple, as substantive briefing on the Motion to Dismiss is closed and thus Apple did not have an opportunity to address the relevance of these documents to the Motion in its reply. Because the January 31 RJN Submission is untimely, it should not be considered. *See Cedeno v. IndyMac Mortg. Servs.*, No. EDCV1101637CJCSPX, 2011 WL

1 13225099, at \*1 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 23, 2011) (declining to consider objection to request for judicial  
 2 notice filed nine days after the deadline); *Malasky v. Esposito*, No. 16-CV-04102-DMR, 2019 WL  
 3 79032, at \*4 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 2, 2019), *aff'd*, 781 F. App'x 643 (9th Cir. 2019) (declining to consider  
 4 untimely requests for judicial notice filed one week after deadline for plaintiff's opposition to  
 5 motion to dismiss); *Sheahan v. State Farm Gen. Ins. Co.*, 442 F. Supp. 3d 1178, 1196 (N.D. Cal.  
 6 2020) (denying request for judicial notice because it was submitted after briefing on motion to  
 7 dismiss closed).

8 Even if the Court were to consider it, however, nowhere in the January 31 RJN Submission  
 9 does Plaintiff even attempt to argue that the documents for which Apple seeks judicial notice cannot  
 10 be so noticed; because she does not contest Apple's arguments in favor of judicial notice, she  
 11 effectively concedes them. *See In re Ford*, 483 F. Supp. 3d 838, 846 (C.D. Cal. 2020).

12 Instead, much of her filings consist of improper additional argument on the merits of  
 13 Apple's Motion to Dismiss and the sufficiency of the Fifth Amended Complaint. Plaintiff should  
 14 not be permitted to in effect file an unauthorized sur-reply regarding the Motion to Dismiss in the  
 15 guise of an (untimely) opposition to Apple's request for judicial notice and (untimely) additional  
 16 requests for judicial notice after briefing on the Motion to Dismiss had closed. *See In Re Violin*  
 17 *Memory Sec. Litig.*, No. 13-CV-5486 YGR, 2014 WL 5525946, at \*17 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 31, 2014)  
 18 (striking substantive arguments made in opposition to defendants' request for judicial notice and  
 19 explaining that "[t]he inclusion of such argument in a brief purporting to address only whether the  
 20 Court should take judicial notice of certain documents is improper"); Dkt. 98 (denying previous  
 21 motion by Plaintiff to file seventy page sur-reply "not targeted to any alleged new contention in  
 22 Defendant's reply" and striking improper sur-reply from the record).<sup>1</sup>

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26 <sup>1</sup> Because Plaintiffs' substantive arguments are improper, Apple is not responding to them here.  
 27 Should the Court believe additional briefing addressing the flurry of documents Plaintiff is  
 28 attempting to add to the record and their impact on the Motion to Dismiss would be helpful,  
 Apple will provide it on whatever timeline the Court orders.

1 For the foregoing reasons, the Court should grant Apple's 5AC MTD RJN in its entirety  
2 and strike Plaintiff's untimely January 31 RJN Submission from the record.

3 Dated: February 7, 2025

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